Amendments to Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Previously Presented) A computer implemented method for facilitating an automatic allocation of an agency fee and a travel cost that are associated with a travel-related transaction comprising the steps of:

receiving a Passenger Name Record from a travel reservation system, wherein said Passenger Name Record includes information related to said agency fee and said travel cost related to said travel-related transaction;

obtaining a user profile comprising allocation information, wherein said allocation information defines an allocation of said travel cost to a first billing account and said agency fee to a second billing account;

charging said first billing account, according to said user profile, for said travel cost, wherein said travel cost represents charges associated with said travel-related transaction;

determining said agency fee based upon said Passenger Name Record, wherein said agency fee represents an extra charge related to said travel-related transaction in addition to said travel cost;

charging said agency fee to said second billing account according to said user profile; and

providing an enhanced descriptive billing statement, wherein said enhanced descriptive billing statement:

(i) recites said travel cost related to said travel-related transaction;

(ii) separately recites said agency fee; and

(iii) recites indicia indicating that said agency fee and said travel cost are related to each other.

2.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said travel reservation system is a Computer Reservation System.

3.   (Previously Presented) A computer implemented method for facilitating an automatic allocation of an agency fee and a travel cost that are associated with a travel-related transaction comprising the steps of:

receiving a Passenger Name Record from a travel reservation system, wherein said Passenger Name Record includes information related to said agency fee and said travel cost related to said travel-related transaction;

obtaining a user profile comprising allocation information, wherein said allocation information defines an allocation of said travel cost to a first billing account and said agency fee to a second billing account;

determining said agency fee based upon said Passenger Name Record, wherein said agency fee represents an extra charge related to said travel-related transaction in addition to said travel cost; and,

charging said agency fee and said travel cost to a said first billing account and a said second billing account according to said user profile.

4.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein said agency fee and said travel cost is charged to a plurality of billing accounts associated with said user profile.

5.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising providing a portion of said Passenger Name Record to a management information system for providing periodic enhanced descriptive billing statements.

6.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising formatting said Passenger Name Record in a Passenger Name Record format.

7.   (Canceled)

8.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, further comprising providing said second billing account with fee reconciling information.

9.   (Canceled)

10.   (Original) A digital storage medium having instructions stored thereon configured to execute the method of claim 1.

Claims 11-16 (Canceled)

17.   (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method for facilitating automatic allocation of fees for use by a travel agency, wherein said travel agency assists a traveler in making

travel-related purchases from a merchant entity, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving a Passenger Name Record from an accounting system, said accounting system configured to receive said Passenger Name Record from a Computer Reservation System;

receiving a user profile comprising allocation information, wherein said allocation information defines an agency fee and a travel cost with a corresponding first billing account and a second billing account;

comparing said Passenger Name Record to information in said user profile to determine an agency fee to be charged for said assistance by said travel agency; and

charging ~~said~~ said agency fee and said travel cost to ~~a~~ said first billing account and ~~a~~ said second billing account according to said user profile.

18.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, further comprising facilitating enhancement of a billing statement with reconciliation information relating to said agency fee and said travel cost.

19.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, further comprising providing a credit entity with said fee reconciliation information.

20.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, further comprising charging said agency fee to a different account than an account used to charge said travel cost of said travel-related purchase.

21.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, further comprising:

providing data to a management information system for providing a facilitating entity with periodic reports; and

providing a subset of said Passenger Name Record to said management information system.

22.   (Original) A digital storage medium having instructions stored thereon configured to execute the method of claim 18.

Claims 23-28 (Canceled)

29.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said determining step further comprises determining said agency fee based on said user profile.

30.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising reducing at least one of: said agency fee and said travel cost when said travel-related transaction is in accordance with predefined rules.

31.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising determining a service fee based on said allocation and charging said service fee to at least one of: said first billing account, said second billing account, and a third billing account.

32.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said obtaining step further comprises selecting said user profile from a plurality of user profiles based on an identity of a consumer of said travel-related transaction.

33.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein said determining step further comprises determining said agency fee based on said user profile.